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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, AUGUST 3, 1999 (*as corrected 8/18/99*)

APPLICATION OF

GTE SOUTH INCORPORATED

CASE NO. PUC990123

To implement extended local
service from its Manassas
exchange to its Arcola exchange

ORDER PRESCRIBING NOTICE

On July 9, 1999, GTE South Incorporated ("GTE" or "the Company") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") pursuant to the provisions of § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia. GTE proposed to notify its Manassas exchange customers of the increases in monthly rates that would be necessary to expand their local service to include its Arcola exchange. The application states that telephone customers in GTE's Arcola exchange had earlier petitioned the Commission for local calling to Manassas. Using a cost study prepared by GTE, the Commission determined the increase in monthly rates that would result from the expansion of the Arcola local service area to include Manassas. Customers in the Arcola exchange were polled regarding their willingness to pay higher rates for local calling to Manassas. The majority of those responding supported the proposal.

Cost studies have been conducted to determine the monthly rates for extended local service from Manassas to the Arcola exchange. Because the resulting increase does not exceed five percent of the existing monthly one-party residential flat rate for Manassas, a poll of Manassas customers is not required by § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia.

NOW, having considered GTE's application, GTE's proposed public notice, and applicable law, the Commission is of the opinion that this matter should be docketed; that GTE should give notice of this application to its customers in the Manassas exchange; and those customers should be permitted to file comments and requests for hearing on this application. Accordingly,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- (1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC990123.
- (2) On or before October 8, 1999, GTE customers who may be affected by this proposal may file with the Clerk of the Commission written comments or requests for hearing about this application. Any corporation shall be represented by counsel in accordance with Rule 4:8 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of any comment or request for hearing on or before that deadline. Individuals may file single copies. All comments or requests for hearing shall be filed with Joel H. Peck, Clerk,

State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, and shall refer to Case No. PUC990123.

(3) A copy of this Order and the application shall be made available for public inspection at the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, from 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Upon customer request, a copy of GTE's application also shall be furnished by GTE's local manager for the Manassas service area.

(4) On or before September 10, 1999, GTE shall publish the following notice in the Manassas exchange twice as display advertising (not classified advertising) in newspapers of general circulation in that exchange.

NOTICE THAT GTE SOUTH INCORPORATED PROPOSES
TO EXPAND THE LOCAL SERVICE AREA OF THE
MANASSAS EXCHANGE TO INCLUDE THE ARCOLA
EXCHANGE - CASE NO. PUC990123

Telephone customers in GTE South Incorporated's ("GTE South") Arcola exchange petitioned the Virginia State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for local calling to GTE South's Manassas exchange.

In conjunction with a cost study conducted by GTE South, the Commission determined the increase in monthly rates for service which would result from the expansion of the local service area. Between March 1, 1999, and April 5, 1999, the customers in the Arcola exchange were polled regarding their willingness to pay

the increase for local calling to Manassas. The survey passed.

The Commission required GTE South to conduct a similar cost study to allow the Commission to determine the monthly rates for expanded local service for Manassas customers to the Arcola exchange. Since the resulting rate increase does not exceed five percent of the existing monthly one-party residential flat rate for Manassas, a poll of Manassas customers is not required by § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia.

The Commission has required GTE South to provide public notice of the proposed change. For expanded local calling to Arcola, Virginia (telephone numbers beginning with 327) from Manassas, Virginia (telephone numbers beginning with 257, 330, 331, 335, 361, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 393, 396, and 792), monthly rates would increase as follows: flat rate residential service, \$.05; residential Lifeline service, \$.05; residential measured exchange only service, \$.05; residential measured economy service, \$.03; flat rate business service, \$.11; business key line service, \$.11; business flat rate trunk service, \$.22; and business measured service: single line service, \$.07; key line service, \$.07; trunk service, \$.16; and customer-owned coin, \$.11.

Customers whose rates are not listed above or who desire more information on this proposed change should call Danny Glascock, GTE South's local manager for the Manassas service area, at (703) 754-9301.

Copies of GTE's application may be obtained by contacting GTE's local manager at the telephone number listed above or it may be reviewed at the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

Any customer wishing to comment on the proposed change to their local calling area or to request a hearing may do so by filing such requests or comments, in writing, with the Clerk of the Commission, Joel H. Peck, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, on or before October 8, 1999. Any such filing should refer to Case No. PUC990123.

The Commission shall convene a hearing on the proposed extension of the local calling area if at least the lesser of five percent or 150 of the customers within the Manassas exchange request a hearing; otherwise, the Commission may consider the application without convening a hearing.

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(5) On or before October 8, 1999, GTE shall provide proof of the notice required above.

(6) The Commission shall convene a hearing on the proposed extension of the local calling area if at least the lesser of five percent or 150 of the Manassas exchange customers request a hearing; otherwise, the Commission may consider GTE's application without convening a hearing.

(7) On or before October 8, 1999, the Division of Communications shall file a report with the Commission on the number of objections to the proposal.